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1. EL-SIR HASSAN FADUL COMMENTED IN AL-AYAM ON RECENT FRENCH NUCLEAR EXPERIMENT SAYING, "SOVIET UNION AND U.S. HAVE CARRIED OUT NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS SINCE BEGINNING OF 1950S. BOTH POWERS CONTINUED IMPLEMENTING THEIR EXPERIMENTS INSPITE OF PROTESTS FROM WORLD. BOTH POWERS HAVE NOT STOPPED BUT AGREED TO LIMIT NUMCLEAR EXPERIMENTS IN SPACE AND ON GROUND SURFACE, AFTER SUCCEEDING IN CREATING THEIR EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FRANCH INSIST ON CONTINUING TO DEVELOP THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BECAUSE FRANCE IS SECOND CLASS NATION COMPARED WITH SOVIET UNION AND U.S. THESE NATIONS INSIST ON OWNING PROGRESSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SO THESE WEAPONS MAY NOT BE MONOPOLIZED BY WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. CHINA IS ALSO ONE OF THESE NATIONS WHICH WOULD LIKE TO OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

2. IBN KHALDOUN REVIEWED IN AL-SAHAFI RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WATERGATE AFFAIR COMMENTING, "U.S. PUBLIC OPINION WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN GANG EXISTED AND MOVED UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTION OF WHITE HOUSE AIDES, AGAINST NIXON'S POLITICAL

ENEMIES. THIS IS SERIOUS THREAT AGAINST U.S. PARLIAMENTARY
SYSTEM. IF MR. NIXON KNEW ABOUT WATERGATE AND KEPT QUIET,
THIS WOULD BE CATASTROPHE. IF HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT,
THIS IS ALSO ANOTHER CATASTROPHE. U.S. OVERCAME VIETNAM
CRISIS AND ENTERED MORE SEVERE CRISIS WHICH IS CONFIDENCE
IN U.S. SYSTEM." THOMPSON

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